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pointed to draw up the necessary regulations, and to call a future meeting for organization.—*B. Pickman Mann, Secretary.*

—The death of Dr. Hermann Schlegel, director of the Zoölogical Museum of the University of Leyden, is announced. He was born in Saxony. Under his direction the Leyden Museum became one of the most important in Europe, and its collection of skeletons is one of the finest known. It is especially rich in the forms of the Dutch Malaysian colonies. Dr. Schlegel published a number of zoölogical works, among the most important of which are the catalogues of the museum. He was distinguished for his carefulness, and for his extreme conservatism in questions of nomenclature.

—During the past season was founded in Providence the Rhode Island Entomological Society, with Mr. Calder as president, and F. E. Gray, secretary. The society holds monthly meetings.

—Mr. J. L. Wortman has been appointed anatomist of the Army Medical Museum at Washington.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Communications were presented by Elliott Coues on the present state of North American ornithology; by Charles D. Walcott entitled, Further remarks on a rock specimen from Maine, containing corals (with specimen); by Marshall McDonald on natural causes influencing the movements of fish in rivers; and by Lester F. Ward on the diamond willow (with specimen).

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Feb. 4.—The following paper was presented: The botany, geology and resources of the country traversed by the Northern Pacific railroad (illustrated with lantern), by John S. Newberry.

Feb. 11.—The following papers were read: Theories in regard to the causes of the recent red skies, by John K. Rees; A memorial notice will be read by the secretary of the late vice-president of the academy, Dr. Benjamin N. Martin.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, Feb. 6.—Mr. T. T. Bouvé read a paper on the genesis of the Boston basin and its rock formations; and Professor N. S. Shaler discussed the origin of kames.

Feb. 20.—Dr. T. Sterry Hunt spoke of the Cambrian rocks of North America; and the president described the fossil larvæ from the Triassic rocks of the Connecticut valley.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, Feb. 18.—Mr. Albert G. Browne, Jr., delivered a lecture entitled, The growing power of chile, in the Pacific (illustrated with views).